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1. The 45,000 ton floating dock in Basin 8 is now afloat and is to leave with coal for Russia. The other two docks, of 9,000 tons and 3,000 tons are in use in the harbor. The dock that was sunk with a vessel in it is being salvaged now; the vessel has already been salvaged. There are no other floating docks in Gdynia Harbor.
 2. The Russians have invented a new way of working with floating dry-docks. Two pontoons, each with a lifting capacity of 3,000 tons, are placed in the dock. A ship is brought into the dock and set on the pontoons. As the dock is raised the water runs out of the pontoons through their bottom vents. When the pontoons are empty the vents are closed. The dock is then submerged again and the ship is left standing on the pontoons, which now remain afloat. The ship is removed from the dock and repaired while on the pontoons. The dock, meanwhile, is available for other operations.
 3. On 28 May there were ten to twelve mine sweepers in Danzig Bay. There were no Russian naval vessels in Danzig Bay. Two Polish naval vessels were in the naval harbor (south harbor).

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